Reddie & Grose

Chartered Patent Agents European Patent Attorneys Trade Mark Agents 16 Theobalds Road London WC1X 8PL

Telephone 071-242 0901
- Fax 071-242 3290
Fax 071-242 0286
 Telex 25445
- DX 280
 <u>AIRMAIL</u>
 Fish & Neave,
 875 Third Avenue,
 New York,
 N.Y. 10022-6250,
 United States of America

John H. Bass B.Sc.
P. Antony Smith M.A.
F.A.B. Valentine M.A.
Richard C. Abnett M.A.
Paul A. Brereton M.A.
Keith E. Geering B.A.
Nicholas S. Marlow B.Sc.
Linda J. Harland B.Sc.
J.M. Davies D.Phil.

D.S. Jackson B.Sc. J.J. Day B.Sc. P.A.D. Lloyd B.Sc.

Consultant David A. Pears M.A.

CORY

JHB/CD/JB/30589 14th June 1990

Attention: Eric M. Lee

Dear Sir,

European Application No. 89 307360.1 Philip Morris Products Inc. Your File: PM 1319 Our File: 30589

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of 9 April 1990.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the revised claims for your approval.

I have based the revised claims on the current U.S. claims. No change has been made to the broad claims, except for the inclusion of reference numerals which correspond to those in the figures. These numbers will not be construed, by the EPO, as limiting the claims.

The features in the subsequent claims have been covered, as far as possible, by multiple dependent claims as opposed to the repeated independent claims. This will be more acceptable to the European Examiner.

I would be pleased to receive your comments, but if I do not hear from you to the contrary I will proceed to file the revised claims and pay the examination fee by 27th September 1990.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Bass

c.c. Beverly A. Monroe (Philip Morris Management)

2028611050